

# *Sambar's Roar*



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## Using ADA as a Genuine Reason

Don't forget if you use your ADA membership as a Genuine Reason for having a Firearms License, please remember that you are required to attend a minimum of two (2) branch activities. Whether they are shoots, meetings or club hunts, it is your responsibility to ensure you meet the requirements. The secretary is required to submit attendance records to State on a regular basis, who in turn collate attendances for the Firearms Registry.

## Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, excluding December and January. Locations will be advised through the newsletter and email communications.

## Newsletters

If you would like to submit an interesting article or photo, please send it to the email below.

Articles must include the name of the author. We are interested in a wide range of outdoor activities.

The Central West Branch executive no longer have access to membership details. All communication is now via Sean Kilkenny ([sean.kilkenny@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:sean.kilkenny@austdeer.asn.au)) and Penny ([ada.admin@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:ada.admin@austdeer.asn.au)) from National. Please ensure that your details are up to date, especially your email address as all communication is via email. That way you will continue to receive communications from the branch.

Don't forget to send in any articles or photos to be included in the newsletters. Let the other members know what you have been up to. Email to [centralw.editor@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:centralw.editor@austdeer.asn.au).

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## Coming up:

**April Meeting** – Bathurst Bushrangers, 189 Browning St, Bathurst, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 6:00pm

**Club Hunt** – Vulcan State Forest, 23-24<sup>th</sup> May. No May meeting.

**AGM** – Bathurst Bushrangers, 189 Browning St, Bathurst, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 6:00pm

**June Meeting** – Bathurst Bushrangers, 189 Browning St, Bathurst, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 6:15pm

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## **Club Hunt.**

There will be a club hunt to Vulcan State Forest over 23 – 24 May. You may also like to book other forests in the area. Make sure that you have bookings for all forests you will be visiting or travelling through. Details are to follow at this stage. Vulcan and surrounding forests contain fallow deer and some reds, pigs, cats and foxes so something for everyone. Bring warm clothes as temperatures will be close to zero at the end of May. Please contact Adam Dolbel for enquiries on 0417 256 166.

## **Another Club Hunt.**

We will hold another club hunt to Red Hill State Forest in the Gundagai area over the weekend of 11 – 12 of July. Members might like to travel down on the Friday and stay a day or two later depending on your available time. Game animals present are the same as above but also include sambar deer. Two members took sambar last year in the same area. Again, there are plenty of other forests in the area that members might also like to book to increase chances. More details will follow soon.

## **Meetings cancelled.**

Due to the club hunts the May and July meetings will be cancelled. There is usually a club meeting held around the campfire on the hunts.

## **Guest Speaker.**

We were fortunate to have John Mumford visit at the March meeting. John has been involved in the ADA for many years and has been made a lifetime member for his dedication to furthering the Australian Deer Association, deer hunting in general and hunting on public land. In fact, John, along with several other people, was responsible for initiating the hunting on public land in NSW.

John gave us a history of the ADA, ways to keep progressing forward with attracting new members and providing new deer hunting opportunities. It was a good meeting and it was evident to see John's decades of knowledge, not only of the ADA but of dealing with politicians which would take many hours. Every time you hunt on public land in NSW, try to spare a thought that without people like John, who dedicated many hours each week over several years, it wouldn't of happened. Thanks goes to Adam Dolbel for arranging John's visit.

## **Butchering Demonstration.**

There will be a butchering demonstration at the June meeting. Shooting a deer is the easy part, then the work begins. What do you do with a deer carcass to turn it into chops, steaks and mince? Come along and learn how to cut up your deer so it fits in your freezer.

## **Yearly Calendar.**

**April:** Monthly meeting.

**May:** Club hunt at Vulcan State Forest – May 23 – 24. No May meeting.

**June:** Annual General Meeting, monthly meeting, butchering demonstration – June 17.

**July:** Club hunt at Red Hill State Forest – July 11 – 12. No July meeting.

**August:** Club hunt to Victoria – details to follow closer to the date.

**September:** Monthly meeting, measuring night.

**October:** Monthly meeting.

**November:** Christmas Party - TBA. No November meeting.

## **Apology.**

As I type this newsletter, I have no access to my ADA editor's email account. If you have sent in photos or article submissions I cannot access them. I apologise if your contributions are missing from this newsletter. Alternatively, you can send them to my private email address which is listed below and I will include them in the next newsletter.

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## ***Out and About – What the members have been up to.***

Not much to report this month, possibly due to the reason above, but Dan took a couple of small brownies. The section of river was pretty slow last season as Dan had four trips and never saw a trout, nor even a single rise. Maybe Dan's not that good either. However, the last trip a couple of weeks ago resulted in a great rise the hour before dark with small rainbows really turning it on. There should be some good fishing next season as those rainbows will be around the 30cm mark. It's great to see a river 'come back' after a slow spell.

